

# Now it's easier to make smart choices for your future

When it comes to planning for retirement, knowing the best moves to make now — and throughout your career — can be a challenge. But not so much anymore. With Semester Strategies<sup>®</sup>, a simplified investment strategy available through your EQUI-VEST<sup>®</sup> variable annuity contract, you and your financial professional can easily set up a plan that reflects your needs and comfort with risk, and stays aligned with your life as your career evolves. Take a look at just some of the advantages:



#### A simplified strategy

With Semester Strategies<sup>®</sup> and the help of your financial professional, it is now easier for you to make smart choices. Wherever you are on your journey and whatever financial well-being means to you, your financial professional is there to meet you where you are, with conversations and options tailored to you — including your needs and financial goals, the age you plan to retire and your comfort with changes in the market.



#### A level of protection

Semester Strategies<sup>®</sup> offers the potential for better outcomes through the Structured Investment Option (SIO), which seeks to provide partial downside protection.



#### **Evolves with you**

One of the challenges in saving for retirement is finding time to periodically review your investment choices to keep them aligned with your life. Your financial professional is always there to help guide you, but Semester Strategies<sup>®</sup> adds something extra. Offered through SWBC Investment Advisory Services, LLC, an independent third-party fiduciary, Semester Strategies<sup>®</sup> takes into account the need for growth potential earlier on, while monitoring and adjusting to a more conservative approach over time to help ensure you're getting closer to your goals.<sup>1</sup>



#### Expert oversight at no extra cost to you

SWBC Investment Advisory Services, LLC provides oversight on your selected model portfolio at no extra cost to you and is required by law to act in your best interest.

## Let's make some smart moves

## Simplify your investment decisions

Making retirement investment choices couldn't be easier. With Semester Strategies<sup>®</sup>, available within your EQUI-VEST<sup>®</sup> group variable annuity, you decide your retirement age and tolerance for market risk. We take care of the rest.

### **Step 1** Choose how many years before you retire

based on your current situation and estimated retirement age.

### Choose the option

that aligns best with how comfortable you are with the ups and downs of the market. Your financial professional can help you decide.

#### Option 1 Semester Strategies®

Step 2

Invests 20% of your assets in the Structured Investment Option (SIO), which provides growth opportunities up to a cap and protection from market losses up to -10%.



#### Option 2 Semester Strategies® Plus

Using a more conservative approach, invests a higher percentage of your portfolio in the SIO and gradually increases the amount until retirement.



Please note: Model portfolios shown above are for illustrative purposes only and intended to demonstrate potential asset allocations at various points before a participant's planned retirement age. Your actual asset allocations in model portfolios may vary. The exact allocations (percentages) within each model portfolio shown may change at the discretion of SWBC Investment Advisory Services, LLC d/b/a SWBC Retirement Plan Services.

## Let's make it happen

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## Make today the day you reach out and set up a time to talk with a financial professional. Visit equitable.com/semesterstrategies or call (800) 628-6673.

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A variable deferred annuity, such as EQUI-VEST®, is a long-term financial product that is designed for retirement purposes. In essence, it is a contractual agreement in which payments are made to an insurance company, which agrees to pay an income stream or lump-sum amount at a later date. There are contract limitations, fees and charges associated with variable deferred annuities, which include, but are not limited to, mortality and expense risk charges, withdrawal charges and administrative fees. For costs and complete details, see the prospectus or contact your financial professional. The variable investment options offered in this contract will fluctuate and are subject to market risk, including loss of principal.

Because this EQUI-VEST® annuity contract would be used to fund a retirement plan, participants should be aware that such annuities do not provide tax deferral benefits beyond those already provided by the Internal Revenue Code. Before purchasing, individuals should consider whether its features and benefits beyond tax deferral meet their needs and goals. Participants may also want to consider the relative features, benefits and costs of this annuity with any other investment that they may use in connection with their employer's retirement plan or arrangement.

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The Structured Investment Option (SIO) is an investment option available within certain EQUI-VEST® series of variable deferred annuities, consisting of various Segment Types, each of which provides a rate of return tied to the performance of a specified securities index or exchange-traded fund, allowing you to participate in the performance of an index by investing in the corresponding Segment. The Segment Buffer is a built-in protection feature in which Equitable Financial Life Insurance Company (Equitable Financial) or Equitable Financial Life Insurance Company of America (Equitable America) will absorb up to the first 10% or 20% of any loss for a Segment Buffer, there is risk of substantial loss of

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#### Some important considerations:

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